

of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions.

#### **SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA**

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported H. Res. 437, To establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

#### **OVERSIGHT VETERANS MATTERS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held an oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs information technology infrastructure reorganization, and proposed legislation to enhance the role of the Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary; Richard A. Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Pedro Cadenas, Associate Deputy Secretary, Cyber and Information Security; Jeff Seifert, Analyst in Information, Science and Technology Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, CRS. Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### **EFFECTS OF UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Effects of Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, each to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the

United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Indonesia relations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to markup S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

#### **House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review Canada and Australia's experience with implementing national animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Emergency Housing Needs in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Back to the Drawing Board: A First Look at Lessons Learned from Katrina," followed by consideration of the following measures: H. Con. Res. 59, Recognizing the contributions of African-American basketball teams and players for their achievements, dedication, and contributions to the sport of basketball and to the Nation; H. Con. Res. 209, Supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families; H.J. Res. 61, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H.R. 2062, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West Street in Newville, Pennsylvania, as the "Randall D. Shughart Post Office Building;" H.R. 2413, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building;" H.R. 3439, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office;" H.R. 3440, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building;" H.R. 3667, To designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Karl Malden Station;” H.R. 3703, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building;” S. 1275, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the “Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building;” a Committee Report entitled “A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; H.R. 3699, To provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property; H.R. 3508, 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; a measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building;” H. Res. 429, Congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series; and H.R. 3128, Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark the following measures: H. Con. Res. 195, Commemorating the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923, urging the Government of the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the culpability of its predecessor state, the Ottoman Empire, for the Armenian Genocide and engage in rapprochement with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people, and supporting the accession of Turkey to the European Union if Turkey meets certain criteria; H. Res. 316, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution; H.R. 1409, Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2005; H.R. 1973, Water for the Poor Act of 2005; H.R. 3184, To ensure that countries that have signed a Small Quantities Protocol also sign, ratify, and implement the Additional Protocol and provide access by IAEA inspectors to their nuclear-related facilities and to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the IAEA to make every effort to rescind and eliminate the Small Quantities Protocol and ensure compliance by all Member States of the IAEA with IAEA obligations and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; H.R. 3269, To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the Bank for International Settlements; H.

Res. 38, Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); H. Res. 388, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government against members of Cuba’s prodemocracy movement, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, the legalization of political parties and free elections in Cuba, urging the European Union to reexamine its policy toward Cuba, and calling on the representative of the United States to the 62d session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to ensure a resolution calling upon the Cuban regime to end its human rights violations; H. Res. 409, Condemning the Government of Zimbabwe’s “Operation Murambatsvina” under which homes, businesses, religious structures, and other buildings and facilities were demolished in an effort characterized by the Government of Zimbabwe as an operation to “restore order” to the country; H. Con. Res. 237, Expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on September 20, 2005; and H. Con. Res. 238, Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing entitled “An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2795, ‘The Patent Act of 2005’” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled “Sources and Methods of Foreign Nationals Engaged in Economic and Military Espionage,” following an executive session on this subject, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Cybersecurity: How Can the Government Help Address Vulnerabilities in Critical Industries? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled “The Need for Improvements and More Incentives in the Endangered Species Act,” 9:30 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, Briefing on Inspector General’s 9/11 Accountability Report, 9:30 a.m., and executive, to consider H. Res. 418, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.